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Cobb and Cherokee Counties...

NWC Express Lanes Project Milestone: Permanent Traffic Shift on I-75 between Delk Road and Windy Hill Road – Requires Overnight Lane Closures and Detour

Cobb County – As construction pushes past the halfway mark for the Northwest Corridor Project, which will add 29.7 miles of reversible toll lanes along the I-75 and I-575 corridor, a permanent traffic shift has been scheduled for the mainline of I-75 Southbound. All of the existing I-75 Southbound traffic lanes between Delk and Windy Hill Roads will be permanently shifted east, with approximately three lanes shifted onto newly constructed roadway to accommodate the alignment of the barrier-separated express lanes that will operate on the west side of I-75.

The nighttime installation of this permanent shift will occur in conjunction with a temporary shift of the I-75 Southbound exit ramp to Windy Hill Road (Exit 260) to allow for the construction of a newly aligned permanent ramp that will bridge over the express lanes on the west side of I-75 when the project is completed.

WHAT:

Weather permitting, a permanent mainline shift of I-75 Southbound traffic and a temporary shift of the I-75 Southbound exit ramp at Windy Hill Road will take place to allow for continued bridge and roadway construction within the NWC project corridor. Multiple lane closures and the detouring of mainline I-75 Southbound traffic will be required to install these shifts.

Local law enforcement will be utilized for traffic control to maximize safety. Motorists traveling through this work zone should expect major delays and to avoid the area if possible as the contractor facilitates this traffic shift. Motorists are also reminded to pay special attention to law enforcement, traffic control devices, signs and posted speed limits to ensure safe passage through the area.

WHEN:

Friday, June 10th during the off-peak hours of 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. with a rain date of Saturday, June 11th.

WHERE:

Rolling closures in the three inside left lanes between Delk Road and Windy Hill Road are expected to take place between 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. A single left lane closure between S. Marietta Parkway and Windy Hill Road will begin at 8:00 p.m. and expand into a triple left lane closure by 10:00 p.m. The triple lane closure will remain in effect until 12:00 p.m. From 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. additional lane closures maybe necessary to finalize traffic control devices.

Between 12:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., I-75 Southbound traffic will be detoured to exit and re-enter the interstate via the I-75 ramps at Delk Road (see detour map).

The Northwest Corridor Express Lanes will offer reliable travel options and improved mobility in the I-75/I-575 corridor by adding 29.7 miles of toll lanes along I-75 from Akers Mill Road to Hickory Grove Road and along I-575 from I-75 to Sixes Road in Cobb and Cherokee counties. For more information about this project, upcoming traffic impacts and lane closures, visit the project website at www.dot.ga.gov/DS/GEL/NWC or call 678-486-3767.

Note: Additional traffic impacts and lane closures will be required on Interstate 75 to facilitate both bridge and roadway work in this area until project completion in 2018. Please visit the project website to stay informed, or email northwestcorridor@dot.ga.gov to subscribe to weekly traffic alerts.

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Aerial view of I-75 at Delk Road where the overnight detour is scheduled to occur on Friday, June 10th.



